

## Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2004

**Live births** decreased slightly in July as 6,942 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,999 in July 2003. Cumulative births increased for the 7- and 12- month periods ending with July. For Jan-July, births increased by 4.4 percent from 43,768 to 45,699.

**Deaths** increased in July as 4,715 Missourians died compared with 4,484 one year earlier. Cumulative deaths for January-July increased, but decreased for the 12 months ending with July.

The **Natural increase** in July was 2,227 (6,942 births minus 4,715 deaths). The cumulative natural increases for the 7- and 12- month periods both

rose from the previous year.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown below, partly due to some irregular reporting.

**Dissolutions of marriage** increased in July, but decreased slightly for the 7- and 12- month periods ending with July.

**Infant deaths** decreased in July, but continue to show rather large decreases for the cumulative 7- and 12- month periods ending with July. The infant death rate decreased from 8.4 to 7.3 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	<u>July</u>				<u>Jan-July cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with July</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,999	6,942	14.4	15.2	43,768	45,699	13.2	13.8	76,991	77,461	13.2	13.5	13.5
<b>Deaths</b> .....	4,484	4,715	9.3	10.3	33,100	34,409	10.0	10.4	55,333	54,715	10.0	9.7	9.6
<b>Natural increase</b> ....	2,515	2,227	5.2	4.9	10,668	11,290	3.2	3.4	21,658	22,746	3.2	3.8	4.0
<b>Marriages</b> .....	4,262	3,095	8.8	6.8	24,088	21,682	7.6	6.5	41,899	37,580	7.3	7.4	6.6
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,639	1,994	3.4	4.4	12,971	12,820	3.9	3.9	22,345	22,295	4.0	3.9	3.9
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	39	50	5.6	7.2	376	332	8.6	7.3	645	563	8.3	8.4	7.3
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,704	5,738	...	...	5,659	5,691	5,724

\* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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